

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

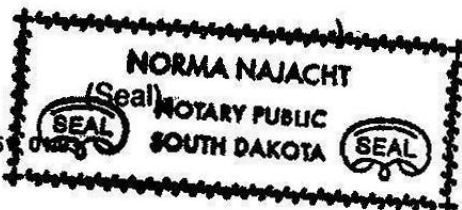
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| 1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER Custer County Chronicle | | 2. DATE OF FILING 9-30-00 | |
| 3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE Weekly | | 3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 52 | 3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$ \$25 70 2950 |
| 4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) PO Box 551 Custer SD 57730-0551 | | | |
| 5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printer) Same as above | | | |
| 6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Charles W. Najacht | | | |
| 7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.) FULL NAME COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS Southern Hills Publishing Inc. PO Box 551 Custer SD 57730 | | | |
| 8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGEES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form) First Western Bank Custer SD | | | |
| 9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION (See instructions on reverse side) | | AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUE D PRECEDING 12 MONTHS | ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUE NEAREST TO FILING DATE |
| A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run) | | 2150 | 2170 |
| B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales | | 825 | 850 |
| 2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested) | | 1225 | 1220 |
| C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 10B1 and 10B2) | | 2050 | 2070 |
| D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS | | — | — |
| SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY, AND OTHER FREE COPIES | | 50 | 50 |
| E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C and D) | | 2100 | 2125 |
| F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing | | 25 | 25 |
| 2. Return from News Agents | | 25 | 25 |
| G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and 2 -- should equal net press run shown in A) | | 2150 | 2170 |
| I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete. | | SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER Charles W. Najacht Publisher | |

State of South Dakota

Sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 2000County of
Custer

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Norma Najacht
Notary Public
My commission expires May 5, 2006

7. Charles and Norma Majneht PO Box 551 Carter SD 57730

